

MASSAGE THERAPISTS

CHAPTER 130
MASSAGE THERAPISTS**645—130.1(152C) Definitions.**

“Board” means the massage therapy advisory board.

“Department” means the department of public health.

“Director” means the director of the department of public health.

“Hour of continuing education” means 50 minutes of attendance per clock hour.

645—130.2(152C) Requirements for temporary licensure. Rescinded IAB 12/4/96, effective 1/8/97.**645—130.3(152C) Examination and licensure requirements.**

130.3(1) All applications must be made upon the official forms supplied by the Massage Therapy Office, Professional Licensure Division, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

130.3(2) The application forms fully completed per instructions on the forms shall be filed with the Massage Therapy Office, Professional Licensure Division, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. Application requirements are as follows:

a. Submit a completed application form with official supporting documents and the fee listed in rule 130.10(152C).

b. Present an official transcript proving graduation from a school or schools approved by the department under rule 130.5(152C). However, this requirement is waived for applicants for licensure who have already been issued a temporary license.

c. If licensed in another state, also present with the application an official copy of license and current renewal of license to practice massage therapy issued by the other state(s) and an official statement issued by the licensing board or department that no disciplinary action is pending against the applicant and the applicant does not have a suspended or revoked massage therapy license.

d. Show proof of passing the department-approved examination:

(1) The National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork administered by the testing service contracting with the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. Proof of passing must be sent directly from the testing service to the division of professional licensure. The passing score on the examination shall be the passing point criterion established by the national testing authority at the time the test was administered.

(2) Rescinded IAB 12/4/96, effective 1/8/97.

130.3(3) The department may consider applications which do not appear on their face to meet rule requirements on a case-by-case basis if the requirements may be alternatively satisfied by demonstrated equivalency. The burden shall be on the applicant to document that the applicant's education and experience are substantially equivalent to the requirements which may be alternatively satisfied. If approved by the department, applicants considered under this paragraph may meet the examination requirement by successfully completing a practical or an oral examination conducted by the board and approved by the department.

645—130.4(152C) Reciprocal license. An individual from another state seeking a license to practice massage therapy in Iowa will be considered on an individual basis.

130.4(1) Following are requirements for issuance of a reciprocal license to licensees of states with license requirements equal to or exceeding those of Iowa:

a. Applications for licensure to practice massage therapy in Iowa shall be made to the Massage Therapy Office, Professional Licensure Division, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

b. Applicants shall arrange to provide:

(1) An official statement from each state board of examiners regarding the status of the applicant's license, including issue date, expiration date and information regarding any pending or prior investigations or disciplinary action. The applicant shall request such statements from all states and countries in which the applicant is currently or formerly licensed.

(2) A statement from the other state's or country's licensing board outlining the licensure requirements of that state or country.

(3) A certified copy of the scores from the appropriate professional examination to be sent to the department, if applicable.

c. An applicant shall submit the required fee, as listed in rule 130.10(152C), in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

d. Rescinded IAB 12/4/96, effective 1/8/97.

130.4(2) Following are requirements for issuance of a temporary reciprocal license to licensees of states with license requirements less stringent than those of Iowa:

a. The applicant must complete all items required in paragraphs 130.4(1) "a" to "d."

b. The temporary reciprocal license will be valid for a period of up to one year and may not be renewed.

c. Prior to issuance of a permanent license, anyone having a temporary reciprocal license issued pursuant to this rule must meet all requirements set out in rule 130.3(152C), including taking or retaking the appropriate examination.

645—130.5(152C) Requirements for approval of massage therapy education curriculum.

130.5(1) An application for schools providing massage therapy education curriculum shall be made in writing to the Massage Therapy Office, Professional Licensure Division, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. Application forms shall be obtained from the office. A request for massage therapy education curriculum approval may be made by an applicant for a license who has graduated from the school or by the management of the school.

130.5(2) Approval may be granted by the department if the curriculum satisfies the following:

a. It requires completion of at least 500 hours of instructor-supervised, in-classroom academic instruction. The curriculum must include 100 hours of anatomy and physiology and 400 hours of other subjects relating directly to the development of skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to render competent professional massage therapy to the public including basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

b. Student clinic hours shall be at the school site, shall be supervised by a qualified instructor and shall not exceed 20 percent of the actual curriculum hours.

c. Field experience hours, if required by the school, shall be documented, but may not be included as part of the 500 hours of instructor-supervised, in-classroom academic instruction.

d. All course instructors must be listed in an attachment to the application, along with their credentials, professional training and proof of at least one year's experience in the subject they are to teach.

e. The entire school curriculum and class schedule must be submitted with the application and shall document the hours of each subject taught.

f. A school's curriculum shall be approved if it met the above requirements at the time that the applicant for license graduated.

g. If an approved school alters its curriculum from that submitted and approved by more than 25 percent of total course hours, it must submit those changes to the department for approval prior to implementation.

h. Course content of an approved curriculum must be accurately stated in all promotional materials.

i. Should the department find that an approved curriculum school is not providing the courses and hours it has submitted on its application, the department may revoke, suspend or put on probation approval of the school's curriculum. Revocation will be for a minimum of six consecutive months from the date of determined noncompliance. At the end of the revocation period, the school may reapply for approval of a massage therapy program according to the rules in effect at the time of the reapplication.

j. All approved schools providing massage therapy curriculum which operate within the state of Iowa must update their existing applications to be in compliance with this rule. The department will notify all approved schools providing massage therapy curriculum within four weeks after this rule is adopted. Schools will have four months from the date of notification to submit the necessary documentation to verify compliance.

645—130.6(152C) License renewal.

130.6(1) The biennial license shall be renewed every two years on the anniversary date of the original license. The continuing education period shall run concurrently with each renewal period.

130.6(2) Licensees who have met continuing education requirements for the biennium and wish to have their licenses renewed shall complete the department-approved renewal form and the department-approved continuing education report and return them to professional licensure, department of public health.

130.6(3) Late filing. Licensees who fail to submit the application for renewal and complete and appropriately document continuing education hours by their anniversary date of each renewal biennium shall be required to pay a late filing fee and may be subject to an audit of their continuing education report.

130.6(4) Licensees who have not fulfilled the requirements for license renewal or placed the license on inactive status by 30 days after their anniversary date of the licensure biennium will have a lapsed license and shall not engage in the practice of massage therapy.

130.6(5) Rescinded IAB 12/4/96, effective 1/8/97.

645—130.7(152C) Inactive practitioners. A licensee who is not engaged in the active practice of the profession in the state of Iowa residing within or outside the state of Iowa may place the license on exempt (inactive) status and be granted an exemption upon written notification to the department.

645—130.8(152C) Reinstatement of inactive practitioners. Inactive practitioners who have been granted a waiver of compliance with these rules shall, prior to engaging in the practice of the profession in the state of Iowa, satisfy the following requirements for reinstatement:

130.8(1) Submit written application for reinstatement to the department upon forms provided by the department; and

130.8(2) Furnish in the application evidence of one of the following:

a. Completion of a total number of hours of accredited continuing education computed by multiplying the required number of hours by the number of years a certificate of exemption shall have been in effect for such applicant; or

b. Successful completion of the appropriate professional examination (see rule 130.3(152C)) within one year immediately prior to the submission of such application for reinstatement with a passing score as established in paragraph 130.3(2) "d."

130.8(3) Inactive practitioners who have been granted a waiver of compliance with continuing education requirements and who wish to reinstate the license will be required to pay the current biennial license renewal fee and reinstatement fee when applying for reinstatement of an inactive license.

645—130.9(152C) Reinstatement of lapsed licenses. Application for reinstatement of a lapsed license may not preclude disciplinary actions by the department as provided in 645—Chapter 131.

130.9(1) The license shall be considered lapsed if not renewed by 30 days following the renewal date of the license.

130.9(2) Those persons who have failed to renew the license and have not placed the license on inactive status shall pay all past due renewal fees and penalty fees in addition to completion of all past due continuing education to a maximum of ten years.

645—130.10(152C) License fees. All fees are nonrefundable.

130.10(1) Rescinded IAB 12/4/96, effective 1/8/97.

130.10(2) The fee for a temporary reciprocal license issued for up to one year is \$100.

130.10(3) Rescinded IAB 12/4/96, effective 1/8/97.

130.10(4) The fee for a license to practice massage therapy issued on the basis of examination or endorsement is \$100.

130.10(5) The renewal fee of a license to practice for a biennial period is \$100.

130.10(6) Penalty fee for failure to complete and return the renewal application is \$25.

130.10(7) Penalty fee for failure to complete the required continuing education is \$25. Failure to complete and return the continuing education report is \$25.

130.10(8) Reinstatement fee is \$25.

130.10(9) Fee for certified statement that a licensee is licensed in Iowa is \$10.

130.10(10) Fee for failure to report, change of address within 30 days is \$10.

130.10(11) Fee for failure to report, in writing, change of name within 30 days is \$10.

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